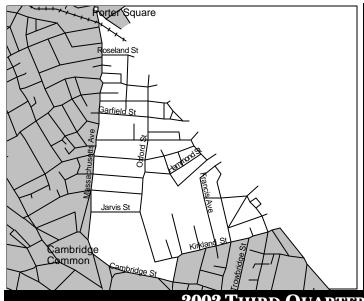
## NEIGHBORHOOD 8 AGASSIZ





**BOUNDARIES:** bounded by Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge Street, Quincy Street, Kirkland Street, and the Somerville border

**POPULATION:** 5,158 residents

1,891 households

## **AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**

\$36,853

Neighborhood #8 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 9R (1 officer). It is also covered by walking routes 8A, 8B, and 8C

## 2002 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

The Agassiz neighborhood was hit with a series of both day and night **housebreak** patterns during the first quarter of 2002. There were an additional seventeen breaks recorded in the second quarter as apartment buildings on Wendell, Oxford and Sacramento experienced multiple breaks. However, after the arrest of a career criminal from Somerville for a break on Oxford Street in July, the pattern appeared to have been eradicated. The professional type burglar was linked to numerous breaks and only six scattered and unrelated incidents were recorded over the final eighty days of the summer • There were four **street robberies** (+25%) in the Agassiz neighborhood in the third quarter. A series of three incidents on Hammond, Wendell, and Oxford in late August were linked to three subjects who lived in the area on the Somerville line. These three pack robberies at knifepoint were all between the hours of 1AM and 3AM on weekend nights.• **Larceny from motor vehicles** (+60%) increased dramatically in Neighborhood#8 over the summer months with 22 incidents reported. The predominant trend identified was late weekend night thefts with Oxford Street the hardest hit thouroughfare. The only drug arrest in the Agassiz neighborhood during the third quarter was an undercover arrest by the Special Investigative Unit of an Arlington resident for the sale of "crack" cocaine.

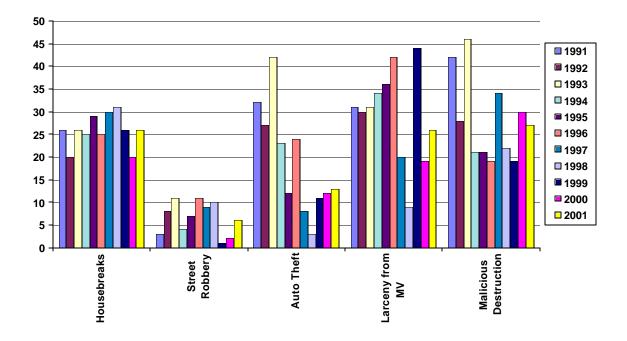
COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER 2001 & 2002							
CRIME	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2001	$3^{\mathrm{rd}} \ \mathbf{Q} \ 2002$	% CHANGE				
Housebreaks	13	38	+192%				
Street Robbery	4	5	+25%				
Auto Theft	11	15	+36%				
Larceny from MVs	25	40	+60%				
Malicious Destruction	24	19	-21%				
Drug Arrests	0	2	<u>Inc.</u>				

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Over half of the Agassiz neighborhood is occupied by Harvard University and Lesley College. The rest of the residential population is concentrated primarily in a triangle in the northern section of the neighborhood, capped by bustling Porter Square. A number of businesses line Massachusetts Avenue on Agassiz's west border.

Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the southern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.

- Agassiz has a significantly lower than average rate for almost every measured crime. Unlike some other neighborhoods, only one of its borders is defined by a major, heavily trafficked avenue. Only four other neighborhoods have lower average housebreak and larceny from motor vehicle totals; only three other neighborhoods have lower average totals for street robberies, and Agassiz ranks as the third lowest neighborhood for auto theft and malicious destruction.
- There were no **street robberies** during this quarter in 1999, but that changed in 2000 when there was one street robbery. It occurred when the suspect demanded the victim's money and also showed a silver handgun. No one was hurt and \$60 was taken.
- The **malicious destruction** statistics reflect incidents of spray-painting at the Agassiz School.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AGASSIZ AREA TARGET CRIMES							
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2001*		
Housebreaks	67	8	25	10	10		
Street Robbery	11	9	6	10	10		
Auto Theft	45	12	20	10	12		
Larceny from MVs	47	11	30	11	11		
Malicious Destruction	45	11	29	10	10		

<sup>\*</sup>Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest

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